Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta the import and export of Sugar during the last five financial years are as under:—

Quantity (in tons)

S.No.	Financial Year	Imports	Exports
1.	1994-95	17,65,440	39,350
2.	1995-96	1,50,632	4,34,320
3.	1996-97	2131	6,67,274
4.	1997-98	3,46,905	1,73,282
5.	1998-99(P)	8,57,691 (P)	11,290 (P)

(P): Provisional

SOURCE: DGCIS-CALCUTTA, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

Foodgrains off-take

3668. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of PDS foodgrains off-take in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, with separate break-up for APL and BPL categories;

(b) the corresponding buffer-stock;

(c) the price in each category available to PDS consumers, State-wise;

(d) the commercial cost of unit foodgrains price for retail PDS consumers, showing break-up of procurement, carrying and storage costs;

(e) the projected off-take in PDS State-wise taking into account increased retail price and higher quota allocation for BPL for 2000-2001;

(f) the projected buffer-stock for 2000-2001; and

(g) the projected increase in expenditure for carrying and storage of the increase in buffer-stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The year-wise, State-wise offtake of food grains in PDS for APL and BPL categories in the last 3 years are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 90]

(b) The stock position of wheat and rice in central pool vis-a-vis minimum buffer norms as on 1st April of the last three years are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 90].

(c) Issue prices State-wise to PDS consumers are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 90].

(d) The various components of commercial cost (Economic Cost) of Food Corporation of India for wheat and rice during 1998-99 are as under:—

R.E. (Rate:Rs/Qtl.)

COMPONENTS	WHEAT	RICE
Pooled cost of grains	507.12	787.70
Procurement incidental (Pooled for paddy & rice)	110.08	65.50
Carryover charges paid to State agencies	16.87	—
Acquisition cost	634.07	853.20
Distribution Cost	163.09	173.47
Economic Cost	797.16	1026.67

(e) There has been a change in the price structure and allocation of rice and wheat to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from April, 2000. It is too early to project the State-wise offtake of food grains under T.P.D.S. at this stage.

(f) Buffer Stock level are not projected as they are fixed for the Ninth Plan period as given under:

(In lakh tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat	Total
1st April	118.00	40.00	158.00
1st July	100.00	143.00	243.00
1st October	65.00	116.00	181.00
1st January	84.00	84.00	168.00

(g) The total estimate of expenditure assessed by Food Corporation of India for carrying and storage of buffer stock projected for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 2131 crores.